

Dear Year 5 Families,

Firstly, we would like to welcome you back and say a big thank you, to you and the children, for all the hard work with remote learning during this last lockdown. It is great to see all the children back in school; we have lots of exciting plans for the next few weeks and as you can imagine we are very eager to get started.

In English:

- We are continuing to read *Secrets of a Sun King*. This will be used during daily guided reading sessions. This half term, we will be writing persuasive letters and poetry. Children will also continue to practise their Year 5 spelling skills, as well as consolidating their grammar knowledge.

In Maths:

- Year five will be continuing their work on fractions, we will be looking at converting between improper and mixed number fractions. We will also be focusing on understanding how to add and subtract fractions too.
- As well as this we will be continuing to revise our understanding of times tables in Year 5.
- We will also continue to develop our arithmetic skills, looking at formal written method for all 4 operations as well as fractions, decimals and percentages.

In topic:

Our new topic is called 'Allotments.' This is a Geography based topic. Throughout this topic, we will be investigating and researching a range of UK farming practices and techniques, whilst comparing these with farming around the world. The children will be using their understanding of hemispheres and how this affects where certain foods will and won't grow.

Key information:

- PE dates have been posted on the website and for this half term will still alternate between classes on a Monday and Thursday.
- World Book day is Friday 19th March, where we would love to see children dress up as a chosen word.
- Children still have access to Prodigy and TT Rock Stars and we would ask you to encourage children to access this. Each week we will be giving the top three Prodigy users certificates.

Homework

- We will still be posting homework on Seesaw this half term but it will look slightly different. The Wednesday Takeover afternoons will continue and will form the majority of homework tasks. We hope that you will encourage and support this and we would love to see photos of children's completed take over homework tasks on Seesaw.

As always if you have any questions or queries we are always around at the end of the school day or if you contact the school we will be in touch as soon as we can.

Thank you for you continued support.

Year 5 Team